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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/17/2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 12-16 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 12-16 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4,12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over SINGER et al 4147800

IPM (Table 1) at about 70%, with polysorbate and water carrier, killed 100% lice (column 4, lines 21-32). Table I shows 82- 100% killed with 70 -78% IPM. Examples are with human lice, obviously inclusive of all species. Curve 2 is only IPM (COL. 4, LINE 23-26) & POLYSORBATE @ 70%, WITH DEATH IN A 2 MINUTE TEST thus meetingThe instant claims. NO OTHER AGENTS are needed, only IPM. As to the retention, examples show shampoos, lotions. Only shampoos would have a short time of retention, but lotions would be applied as is known in the art, without intentional removal; thus, retention of hours.

Polysorbate is an inert surfactant-it does not have a detrimental effect on the pediculocidal toxicant activity (col 3, top). It is not excluded from the instant claims, which do not exclude anything but alcohol and insecticides. Polysorbate is neither. "At least up to" includes zero. "At least" could be taken to mean at least one louse was killed. The reference shows synergistic effects. Alcohol and IPM kill 100%. Applicant only kills up to 82%.

SINGER already knew that IPM could kill all lice (100%) if 100% IPM was used, for only 2 minutes. SINGER also states other concentrations are pediculocidal (col 4, lines 45-52). Contrary to applicant's arguments, the whole reference was considered.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made desiring to utilize pest control means, to use any of art recognized means, as of the ectoparasitidal, pediculicide compositions to control lice, modified as desired to decrease toxicity to patients.

Applicant has not provided any objective evidence of criticality, nonobvious or unexpected results that the administration of the particular ingredients' or concentrations provides any greater or different level of prior art expectation as claimed, and the use of ingredient for the functionality for which they are known to be used is not basis for patentability. Applicant's concentrations at the high end are lethal; at the low end are neither shown in the specification to be effective, nor are they shown by SINGER to be effective @ the 82 %, or less, mortality level .

Claims 1-4, 12-15, 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over SINGER et al 4147800 in view of REID et al 5972987

SINGER (above) kills lice, but does not mention combing.

REID shows application of pediculicide and dye (column 4, lines 6-11) permit removal with combs (column 4, lines 50-56) from human or animal (lines 63-66) particularly head lice (column 5, lines 44-48). Example 1 shows use of silicone and IPM.

REID teaches killing lice does not solve the problem of dead lice or nits (col 2, lines 55-64). REID adds dye, to insure complete removal (col 3, lines 12-37). Typical process of

removing lice is application of a pediculocide, usually as cream or shampoo (col 5, lines 30-38) followed by combing with a very fine-toothed comb. REID provides an improvement over this typical process. The instant claims require only combing.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made desiring to utilize pest control means, to use any of art recognized means, as of the pediculicide compositions of SINGER to control lice, modified as desired to decrease toxicity to patients. Motivation to combine springs from the IPM synergy of SINGER, with further removal of lice and nits facilitated by dye and comb of REID.

Applicant has not provided any objective evidence of criticality, nonobvious or unexpected results that the administration of the particular ingredients' or the manner of treating lice, combing, shampooing, rinsing, or ingredient concentrations provides any greater or different level of prior art expectation as claimed, and the use of ingredient for the functionality for which they are known to be used is not basis for patentability

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by SINGER.

IPM (Table 1) at about 70%, with polysorbate and water carrier, killed 100% lice (column 4, lines 21-32). Table I shows 82- 100% killed with 70 -78% IPM. Examples

are with human lice, obviously inclusive of all species. Curve 2 is only IPM (COL. 4, LINE 23-26) & POLYSORBATE @ 70%, WITH DEATH IN A 2 MINUTE TEST thus meeting the instant claims. NO OTHER AGENTS are needed, only IPM. As to the retention, examples show shampoos, lotions. Only shampoos would have a short time of retention, but lotions would be applied as is known in the art, without intentional removal; thus, retention of hours.

Alcohol is permitted in the instant claims. Alcohol is not considered an insecticide, and is not excluded. The compositions of SINGER kill more than "at least up to" of the instant when applied in an inert carrier (Fig. 1, 2, and 3).

How they kill or what else they do is a function of the composition characteristics, and not of patentable weight. If the lice all die within 48 hours, the 10-minute administration of the instant has been met.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/17/2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments have been considered in the above rejections. The amendments are less restrictive than previously rejected claims. However, VonBITTERA is difficult to include, as attorney points out, without consideration of the active insecticides, so it is withdrawn.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is (571)272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7:15AM to 5:45 PM EST..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ROBERT A. WAX can be reached on 571-272-0623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/NEIL LEVY/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1615 6/20/2011